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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101

March 12, 1998

Reply to
Attn of: ECL-115

Addressees (see reverse page for List of addressees)

Dear Addressees:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in receipt of your petition, dated February 26, 1998, to conduct a preliminary assessment of properties in the Bertrand Creek area, Whatcom County, Washington.

In response to your petition, EPA Region 10 has added this site to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) database. CERCLIS is a database used by EPA to track activities conducted under its Superfund program. Specific activities are tracked for each individual site.

This site will be evaluated by the EPA Region 10 Site Assessment Program. As a first step in this evaluation process, EPA will be conducting a Preliminary Assessment (PA) of this site. A copy of the PA report will be provided to you upon its completion.

It is EPA's intent to involve the public during the assessment process. If you have any questions regarding the evaluation process, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 553-0323.

Sincerely,

Monica Tonel

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Site Assessment Manager



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